

POCASSET HILL CEMETERY COMMISSION (PHCC)

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16, 2013

**A. Roll Call: Anne Turcotte, John Christo, Shirley Moller, Eileen Hall,
Absent Bob Vieira,**

**Superintendent Ron Helger. Also present Town Councilor Joan
Chabot,**

Town Clerk Nancy Mello, and Town Attorney Andrew Teitz.

**Tiverton residents Robert Perry and Rosemary Perry of 40 Hope St.
Tiverton, R.I.**

**B. This meeting opened at 7:10 PM included a Public Hearing on the “
Proposed Exception from**

**Pocasset Hill Cemetery Rules and Regulations as amended
November 26, 2012”. The PHCC**

**received a request for modification for a larger size monument in the
PHC section 5000, Lot #**

**5013 owned by Rosemary Perry of 40 Hope St. A motion made by
John Christo and 2nd by**

**Shirley Moller to advance the meeting to new business to address the
public hearing issue was**

approved by Anne, John, Shirley and Eileen.

Public Hearing was opened by Chair.

**Mr. Robert Perry informed the PHCC that he designed a monument
for his deceased father and fabricated such monument with the help
of his**

friend. The fabrication was done in the state of Florida. The size of the

monument (after slight alterations) is one foot greater in length than the rules allow. Mr. Perry was unaware of the size restrictions stated in the PHC hand book. Mr. Perry is requesting the PHCC grant an exception for this monument and allow a 4 x 1 foot monument base where the current regulations allow only a 3 x 1 foot base. No one at the meeting took exception to Mr. Perry's request. Ron Helger stated that he had seen a photo of the monument and he did not anticipate any problems. However, Mr. Perry was notified that if problems occurred the family would be liable for any damage to the monument to which they agreed. It was requested that a photo of this monument be submitted and included in the deed package. A motion made by Anne, 2nd by John to allow the monument be installed after a photo of the monument be acquired. Motion approved by Anne, John, Shirley and Eileen.

C. Anne requested Town Attorney Andrew Teitz's opinion on a refund payment issue. This item was not on the agenda. A motion was made by Anne T., 2nd by John C. to address this topic. Motion was approved by Anne T., John C., Shirley M. and Eileen H.

There was a request for refund payment for cemetery deeded to Lorraine and Ronald Berube and Gerald and Michael Dufault. The

mother (Lorraine) was deceased and the son (Michael) requested the refund stating he was the Executor to her estate. Check for \$800 was mailed to him with all four names listed. He has since called Anne several times to say he cannot cash the check since now one of the brothers is also deceased. Town Solicitor agreed the process was followed and should have return check to all parties on deed. In this case since two are deceased Commission can send refund in name of Michael Dufault once the initial check has been returned and as long as he sends copies of the deceased members death certificates. Chair will inform Mr. Dufault of the decision.

D. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by John and 2nd by Eileen.

For: Anne T., John C., Eileen H., Shirley M, Against- 0

E. Chairman's Report: 4 graves sold in section 5000. Refund checks of \$400.00 (section 6000) and \$ 800.00 (section 2000) were issued to the respective owners.

F. Treasurer's Report: No vote was taken to approve report. Further clarification on the refund checks is needed. Anne T. and John C. will meet with the treasurer to resolve this issue.

G. Bills: None

H. Superintendent's Report: - Five burials and one cremation.

I. Work done- none.

J. Old Business:

- 1. Review bylaws / on hold.**
- 2. Reorganize the grounds. On hold**
- 3. Painting the sign post-Weather permitting.**
- 4. Beautification of cremation section- on hold**
- 5. Expendable and Nonexpendable accounts – on hold**
- 6. Cemetery Web site – On hold**

K. A motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM was made by Shirley M. and 2nd by John C.

For: Anne T., John C., Eileen H., Shirley M. Against- 0

Respectively submitted

by acting Secretary, John Christo